

Application No. 10/633,939
Amendment dated April 6, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2005
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Remarks:

Claims 1-13 were previously pending. The Examiner issued a species election, and in response, the Applicant has canceled claims 5-7 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new claims 14-16. Therefore, claims 1-4 and 8-16 are currently pending, with claims 1, 8, 12, and 14 being independent.

In the last Office Action, the Examiner issued a species election dividing the claims into Species (I), covered by claims 1-4 and 8-13, and Species (II), covered by claims 5-7. Applicant elects without traverse Species I, directed to claims 1-4 and 8-13, and Applicant has canceled claims 5-7, which were directed to Species II. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of claims 1-4 and 8-13.

Applicant has also added new claims 14-16, of which claim 14 is independent. Applicant submits that claim 14 is generic to the restricted species, as it recites a low friction material interposed between the drive gear and the mount.

In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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